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ing this sum, and that for other implements and drugs for the crusade against the dangerous rodents in Tokyo this season, the amount to be devoted to this purpose figures in the estimate at 20,000 yens.

Respectfully, STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *May 9, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report of transactions for the week ended May 8, 1901.

Two vessels were inspected, received bills of health, with U. S. Marine-Hospital certificates attached, and cleared for the United States. May 4, Norwegian steamship *Alabama*, Gyemore, master; Thigpen, medical officer assigned to ship by the Louisiana State board of health; crew, 18; passengers, 6; cargo, fruit; for New Orleans direct. May 8, Norwegian steamship *Hiram*, Pedersen, master; Adams, medical officer assigned to ship by the Louisiana State board of health; crew, 15; passengers, 3; cargo, fruit; for New Orleans direct.

Two deaths occurred during the past week, both Nicaraguans; 1 male, age 30, from pulmonary tuberculosis, and 1 other male, age 21, from dysentery.

The port and surrounding territory continue to remain free from contagious or infectious diseases.

Respectfully, WM. H. CARSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan and subports.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *May 4, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of transactions of the Service at this and the several subports of the island during the month of April, 1901:

San Juan.—Number of vessels inspected, 24; number of bills of health issued, 32; number of persons vaccinated, 4. On the 17th instant the French steamship *Ville de Marseille* arrived from Port au Prince, Cape Haitien, and Puerto Plata. No cargo or passengers were taken on at Cape Haitien, but 1 package of mail from that port was subjected to formaldehyd disinfection here. The vessel was given free pratique.

The provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Cuban and Santo Dominican ports, entered on the 19th instant. She had been disinfected as usual at Santiago, and as her passengers for Porto Rico presented satisfactory evidence of immunity, the vessel was given pratique.

On the 19th the Spanish steamship *Isla de Panay*, from Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Colombia, Sabanilla Bay, Puerto Caballo, La Guayra, and Ponce, also entered. Her passengers for Porto Rico were all immunes and were allowed to land. The vessel was held in quarantine while here and transacted her business under guard.

On April 26 the U. S. Army transport *Sedgwick* arrived from Havana direct, three and a half days out. She presented a clean bill of health from Havana. The ship was allowed to take passengers and to embark mules in quarantine while here. She sailed direct for New York on the afternoon of the 26th.

The provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera*, from Cuban and Santo Dominican ports entered on the 28th instant, having undergone the usual disinfection at Santiago. Her passengers for Porto Rico were immunes, and after the usual inspection the vessel was given pratique.

Only 2 cases, both convalescent, of smallpox are reported in the city. The outbreak of smallpox in San Juan has at no time assumed a serious aspect, having been always under control of the local health authorities.

I inclose herein the vital statistics of San Juan for April.

The following is a report of the number of vessels inspected at the subports in April: Mayaguez, 12; Arecibo, 1; Humacao, 7; Aguadilla, 1; Fajardo, 3; Arroyo, 3.

The following is the mortality report from the subports: Mayaguez, 105; Arecibo, 61; Humacao, 18; Aguadilla, 30; Fajardo, 19; Arroyo, 11.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Vital statistics of San Juan, P. R., for April, 1901.

Anæmia	2
Abcess of the liver	1
Asthma	1
Cachexia	2
Cachasia (syphilitic)	1
Cerebral congestion	2
Carcinoma	1
Cirrhosis of the liver	1
Enteritis	4
Endo-carditis	2
Entero-colitis	2
Gastro-enteritis	3
Gangrene (generalized)	1
Emphysema (pulmonalis)	1
Hepatitis	2
Intermittent malariel fever	1
Meningitis	2
Meningitis (tuberculosis)	1
Mitral insufficiency	3
Old age	1
Pneumonia	1
Peritonitis	1
Rachitis	2
Rheumatism (chronic)	1
Syphilis	1
Shock (traumatic)	1
Tetanus, infantile	1
Teething	1
Tuberculosis (pulmonalis)	10
Total	53
April, 1900—	
Births	68
Deaths	94
April, 1901—	
Births	71
Deaths	53